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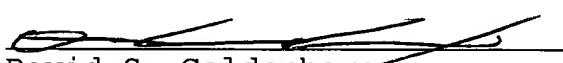
/ IN THE CLAIMS

The Applicant cancels Claims 2-9, without prejudice.

REMARKS

This amendment cancels claims 2-9 to reduce the filing fee. Please enter this amendment before calculating the filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Prior to any substantive review of this application, the Applicants make the below stated amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

The Applicants amend page 4 as indicated on the attached marked-up versions of Pages 4 and 4a.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, attached hereto are Replacement Pages 4 and 4a with the proposed changes properly entered thereon.

IN THE CLAIMS

The Applicants cancel Claim 1, without prejudice.

The Applicants add New Claims 10-18, attached hereto on Replacement Claim pages.

REMARKS

This paper is submitted prior to the issuance of any first substantive Office Action for this application. Entry